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LETTER DATED 6 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER OF GEORGIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In connection with my letter of 6 October (S/24619) to the President of the Security Council requesting an urgent meeting of the Security Council, we would be grateful if the text of the attached letter and appeal from the State Council of Georgia could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex I

Letter dated 2 October 1992 from the Vice-Chairman of the State Council of Georgia addressed to the Secretary-General

The State Council of the Republic of Georgia would like to inform you that on 1 October the Abkhaz separatists in conjunction with mercenary terrorists, who had arrived from the north Caucasian regions of the Russian Federation, took the large-scale offensive against the town of Gagra aiming at reaching the Georgian-Russian border, thus cutting off the northern part of Abkhazia from the rest of Georgia. The attackers are armed with the state-of-art heavy tanks and other modern weaponry, the kind the Russian army is currently equipped with.

The Georgian troops, complying with the principles outlined in the Moscow agreement, have found themselves to be an object of undisguised aggression and had to retreat under the pressure of the adversary, vastly outnumbering them in equipment and manpower. People are dying and houses are being plundered and burnt.

The conspiracy of the Abkhaz separatists and the reactionary forces in Russia is quite apparent. This was clearly seen in the decisions adopted by the majority of votes in the Parliament of the Russian Federation, which acts against the interests of the democratic Russia led by the country's President Mr. Boris Yeltsin. The above majority supports the undisguised military intervention by hired gangs that set the goal of breaking Abkhazia away from the rest of Georgia.

The State Council of the Republic of Georgia is requesting you to convene a meeting of the Security Council to consider the situation in one of the regions of Georgia-Abkhazia. Any delay threatens to turn this conflict into a large-scale war, that may jeopardize peace and security in the entire Caucasus region. The Georgian people will not permit anyone to encroach upon the territorial integrity of their country and will do their utmost to defend its inviolability.

(Signed) Jaba IOSELIANI
Vice-Chairman
State Council of Georgia

Annex II

Appeal of the State Council of the Republic of Georgia to the Committee of Senior Officials of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe

The State Council of the Republic of Georgia would like to inform you that on 1 October the Abkhaz separatists in conjunction with numerous mercenary terrorists that had penetrated the Georgian territory from the north Caucasian regions of the Russian Federation and formed well-armed and organized units, took a large-scale offensive against the town of Gagra aiming at reaching the Georgian-Russian border and cutting off the northern part of Abkhazia from the rest of Georgia, thus grossly encroaching upon its territorial integrity.

The attackers are armed with the state-of-the-art heavy tanks and other modern weaponry, the kind the Russian army is currently equipped with.

The Georgian troops, complying with the principles outlined in the Moscow agreement, signed by Mr. E. Shevardnadze and Mr. B. Yeltsin, have found themselves to be a target of undisguised aggression and had to retreat under the pressure of the adversary, vastly outnumbering them in equipment and manpower. People, mainly among the civilian population, are dying and are exposed to violence, houses are plundered and burnt, and thousands of refugees have appeared.

The Georgian people will not permit any encroachment upon the territorial integrity of their country and will do their utmost to defend the inviolability of its borders. Mobilization of reservists has been announced to reinforce the armed forces of the Republic.

The conspiracy of the Abkhaz separatists and the reactionary forces in Russia is quite apparent. The Acts, adopted by the Parliament of the Russian Federation have fuelled the escalation of the conflict, encouraged the extremist forces and have directly provoked recent bloodshed.

What is more, since 3 September the influx of the organized armed groups from the territory of the Russian Federation has increased, both via land and sea routes, controlled by the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation.

Recent developments in Georgia clearly indicate that anti-democratic trends in Russia have been gaining momentum. Should they prevail, the world community, let alone Georgia, will find itself in jeopardy.

The aggression against Georgia climaxed on 3 October of the current year, when an attempt was made at the life of Mr. Eduard Shevardnadze, the Chairman of the State Council of the Republic of Georgia.

It becomes quite obvious, that the aggressive forces will stop at nothing to unleash a full-scale war in the Caucasus, which will threaten peace and security in Europe.

Guiding itself by the provisions of article III of the Helsinki-II decisions, the State Council of the Georgian Republic requests that you give special attention to the situation described above and take all possible measures for the protection of the territorial integrity of Georgia and peaceful settlement of the provoked armed conflict, fraught with unpredictable consequences.